

UTC film will feature the Nile River

The river that has shaped much of Africa and even more of the history of mankind will be explored in the first University Travel Club film of the new calendar year in Kingsbury Hall Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m.

On hand to provide live narration for his film, "The Nile: Source to Mouth," will be Jean-Luc Sterckx, whose only other UTC appearance two seasons ago ("In the Footsteps of Abraham") established him as a crowd-pleaser.

The film opens in some of the most inaccessible regions of Africa, where the Nile springs from its source. Along the way, Sterckx encounters hunters, fishermen, livestock breeders, farmers and nomads.

Later, he rafts down the Omo River in Ethiopia as the Nile meets the Bodi and Mursi rivers. He has filmed in Kenya's Rift Valley where some of the earliest evidences of mankind have been found. The film depicts his search for mountain gorillas as he hunts with the Azande tribe.

Sterckx features "the world's largest marshland," the Sudd, created by the Nile. He also shows life among the Dinkas of the White Nile, a tribe which raises unusual cattle.

His camera focuses on Egypt's first Christians, the Copts, the temples of Koush, Aswan, Abu Simbel,



The Dinkas, a tribe in southern Sudan, and their unusual cattle, are featured in Nile film.

Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, Luxor and other scenic highlights near the Nile's mouth such as the Sphinx, the Pyramids of Giza, Alexandria, Cairo and "ever so much more."

Sterckx was born and reared in Belgium, where he lives during the off-season. He began as a still photographer making reports on the United States, Morocco and Ireland, later shifting into the film and lecture field with several films on the Mid-East. He began lecturing in the United States in 1980.

In addition to his platform work, Sterckx co-produces and distributes documentaries and children's programs for television stations all over the world as well as for home and educational TV.

He returns each year for frequent live auditorium performances, convinced, he says, that "no television or

satellite can or will replace real human contact."

General admission tickets to the Nile film are on sale in Kingsbury Hall 210, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and again Wednesday from 6:30 until showtime.

The free shuttlebus will begin service in Rice Stadium parking lot about 7:10 p.m., said Paul Cracraft, longtime UTC coordinator and manager of Kingsbury Hall.

County Cattlemen To Hold Dinner

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The County Extension Office and county cattlemen are sponsoring a dinner and social for people interested in beef and their partners on Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at the Wasatch Middle School cafeteria. The dinner will be a beef dinner with all the trimmings.

After the dinner, Dr. Von Mendenhall, of USU Food Science Department, will talk on "If fish is better than beef, why do Eskimos only live to 40?" Dr. Mendenhall is a noted speaker on nutrition and it's

importance. Dr. Mendenhall has some thoughts on the nutritional value of beef and it has been known to make cattlemen smile. If you have anything to do with the cattle industry, you won't want to miss this program. The program is free to cattlemen.

For more information or questions, contact LaRen Provost, President, County Cattlemen's Association, or Val Warnick, County Extension Agent.



A herd of buffalo gaze back at visitors as they graze. They look docile but are actually the meanest and toughest of the lot.
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